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- **Philadelphia's saddest list is on this page: Victims of murder from 2007 to 2011 whose killers remain at large**
- **Metro spent nine months looking at how such a somber tally could form and how to prevent the carnage** **{pages 10-13}**

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Culture. Illegal activity

▶ Several dirt bikes and an ATV blasted through the city's historic district yesterday afternoon, revving their engines and popping wheelies against the backdrop of a series of Veterans Day services being observed in the area.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Popping wheelies, thumbing noses at city authorities

The City Council late last month approved a crackdown on all-terrain vehicles, which are illegal on Philadelphia's streets, but you wouldn't know it if you were in Old City yesterday afternoon. Then again, stepped-up restrictions, stronger law enforcement vehicle confiscation and tougher fines aren't going into effect until March 1. At the same time, members of the Council have vowed to work toward securing a legal outlet where residents can ride. METRO/AW

Veterans Day observance

PHILADELPHIA. The region yesterday joined with the rest of the country to honor its past and current military service members on Veterans Day.

The National Constitution Center kicked off the holiday with a flag-raising ceremony in the morning.

Because Veterans Day fell on a Sunday this year, the federal holiday is being observed today. METRO/AW

List of casino hopefuls

Six groups officially submitted paperwork for the city's second casino license, city officials said.

The groups were required to submit local impact studies seven days before a Nov. 15 deadline. It is expected to take nine to 12 months for a final decision. METRO

In the news

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Temple students who cast provisional ballots and have given their information to PennPIRG, which said that out of 5,431 total votes recorded at eight Temple-area polling locations, at least 766 of them were provisional, which is stirring controversy surrounding ballot books. METRO/AW

In the news

5,400

Meals were served by volunteers with the Philadelphia Second Alarmers, one of three local task forces deployed to the New York City area in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The Second Alarmers, as well as the Pennsylvania EMS Strike Team and members of Pennsylvania Task Force One, all returned home safe on Friday. METRO

Changes by Comm. Ramsey to 'improve operations' of PPD

Budget restraints, efficiency seen as reasons for large reshuffling in department ◗ Moves also correspond with many promotions announced Friday ◗ Upcoming retirements of several high-level police officials will also provide chance for more changes in hierarchy below Ramsey

Mayor Michael Nutter and Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey announced major changes in the department's organizational structure on Friday.

A total of 36 changes in command staff have been made. Ramsey said the moves will create a more streamlined system and ensure consistent delivery of services.

With four deputy commissioners retiring in the near future, only one will be replaced due to budgetary constraints, Ramsey said. Denise Turpin has been promoted to deputy commissioner for the Office of Professional Responsibility.

Additionally, five of the six patrol divisions will be changing inspectors, and seven of the city's 21 police districts will get new captains. Ramsey also said Chief Inspector Myron Patterson, who had been on loan to the School District of Philadelphia, will oversee one of two regional operations commands.

To increase accountability, Ramsey said he will directly oversee the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Office of Standards and Accountability and the Forensic Sciences Bureau.

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Changes in command staff that have been made within the PPD

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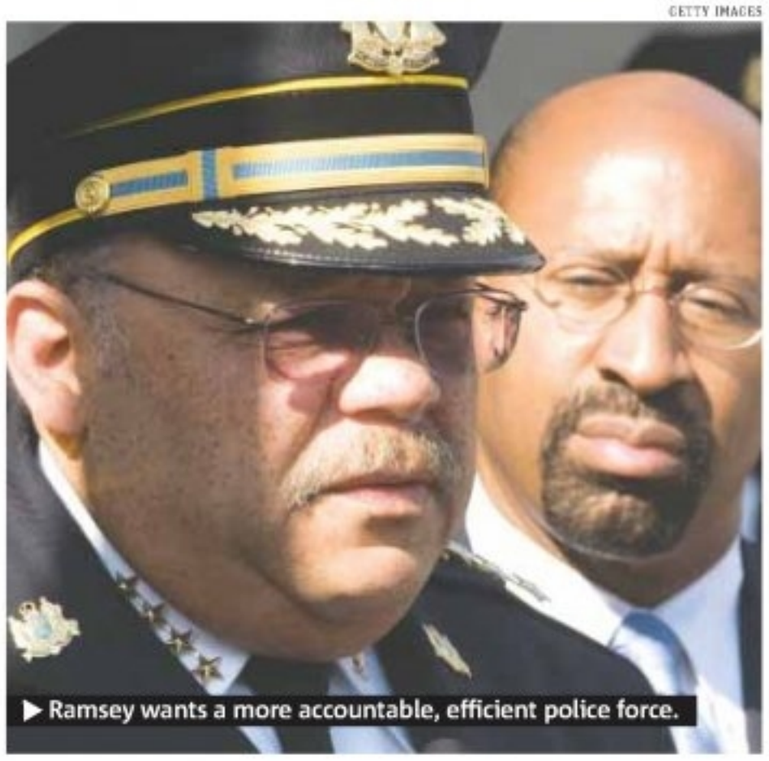

▶ Ramsey wants a more accountable, efficient police force.

Quoted

"We're always seeking to improve our operations, and in today's world it is very important that a police organization be as flexible and adaptable to changes in the environment as possible — and Philadelphia is no exception to that."

POLICE COMMISSIONER CHARLES RAMSEY

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News in brief

Bon Jovi in North Philly for new low-income homes

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Rock legend and philanthropist Jon Bon Jovi will join other dignitaries tomorrow to break ground for new low-income apartments on North Broad Street.

The JBJ Soul Homes will feature 55 apartments for formerly homeless and low-income individuals and families on Fairmount Avenue between Broad and 15th streets. It will also include office and retail space.

Project H.O.M.E. and People for People Inc. are partnering on the project, which is slated to open November 2013. METRO/SDL

Couple guilty in bizarre kidnapping

FELTONVILLE. Two people were convicted Friday of kidnapping and robbing an elderly man of his retirement money in 2008.

Prosecutors said Jennifer Konopki, her boyfriend Brandon Lee and his cousin Joseph Holmes — who is being tried separately — lured a 66-year-old man (whom Konopki met through an escort service) to a Feltonville home where they bound, gagged and beat him. They used his ATM card to drain his bank account, but the victim escaped. METRO/SDL

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UNEMPLOYED SUPERHEROES IN A STORM

It's Oct. 21, 2012. I'm doing my usual thing: checking out my computer models. (It's a habit.) I notice a tropical disturbance south of the island of Jamaica. Normally that's no big deal, but I take a look at some long-range models — and a couple of the more trusted ones seem to be hinting at East Coast trouble.

This is sometimes the case and isn't a huge concern, except I notice some key atmospheric morphing, conditions thousands of miles away that in time could all come together and if everything falls into place has the very early makings of the "perfect storm": the combination of a highly unusual set of atmospheric conditions which has the potential to become a one-of-a-kind monster storm.

Quoted

"I must save the world and prepare to get folks out of harm's way."
BOLARIS

My heart starts to race and I get this deep feeling of anxiety. You know, I must save the world and prepare to get folks out of harm's way. I've felt the need to do this ever since I was in the fifth grade. To my daughter, I'm this weather superhero saving people from danger. But no, I'm just little old me — the hardest-working unemployed chief meteorologist in town. Bingo! I have a thought (this usually leads me to some sort of trouble). I e-mail most of the news directors that are in charge of our local television stations and give them details to what I'm thinking and ask if you need an extra body to cover to what I think might turn out to be a devastating storm. Alas, crickets. It hurts, but they have to do what they think is best for their station and their weather team. I get it, but I don't have to like it. The bottom line: It's a business and I just don't fit in, kind of a misfit. It makes me sad, it's all I really know. I know there are thousands of you just like me who've had your passion in life taken away, the feeling of free falling into an abyss, the unknown.

Back to the good fight: I took to Twitter and tried my best to prepare you all week for the megastorm, then took to the radio waves on WMMR. Next thing I know, I'm heading to New York City to do the first ever five-hour hurricane special for Howard Stern from the center of the storm. It's a bunch of crazy Whack Packers: a so-called over-the-top meteorologist (me), a straight-shooting journalist (radio reporter Jon Lieberman) and the "King of All Media" as your boss. What a wild week it was.

*— **John Bolaris**, one of Philly's best-known news personalities, will appear every Monday. He'll give advice on life, weather and any topic in between. So let's start the dialogue. E-mail John at letters@metro.us*

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Petraeus could be called in inquiry into Benghazi

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▶ A vehicle was smoldering in flames after being set on fire inside the U.S. consulate in Benghazi late on Sept. 11, 2012.

Despite an adultery scandal that ended David Petraeus' tenure as CIA chief, the general may be called to testify in a Senate inquiry into the killing of four Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, Senator Dianne Feinstein said yesterday.

Feinstein, the chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on the "Fox News Sunday" program that Petraeus' resignation on Friday "was like a lightning bolt."

She said there will be an investigation into why the FBI failed to inform her and others on the intelligence committee before Friday about the extramarital affair between Petraeus and his biographer, Paula Broadwell, when the FBI probe had been proceeding for weeks.

The California Democrat said there was no connection between Petraeus' resignation and the Sept. 11, 2012, killings in Benghazi. Petraeus had been scheduled to testify about the Benghazi case on Thursday in a closed session of the committee; Mike Morrell, the acting CIA director, is now expected to do so.

She said the committee may decide to call Petraeus in a future meeting of the intelligence panel on the Benghazi killings. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"My biggest concern is [that] there are literally hundreds of threat warnings in the material that [have] accumulated."
SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN OF CALIFORNIA

▶ Petraeus

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Why the delay?

Peter King, the Republican chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, raised questions about why it took FBI investigators so long to inform President Barack Obama and others in his administration that Petraeus was involved.

In the news

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About 166,000 homes and businesses in the eastern United States were still without power yesterday after being battered first by Hurricane Sandy in late October and then by last week's nor'easter, company and government data showed.

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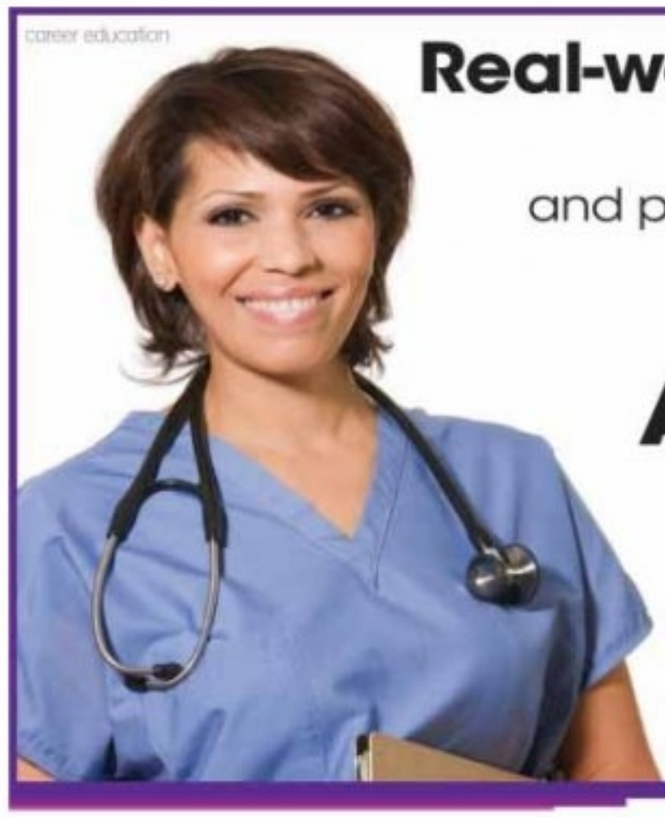

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Do you know where you will be in three years? The material of living things, including you, originates from a surprising place. Everyone knows the food chain base is plant life on land, while ocean life originates from phytoplankton and algae.

These microscopic creatures use sunlight, like plants, to produce 66 percent of the oxygen in our atmosphere. Most of the oxygen in every breath you take, which then spreads through your bloodstream, was once in these tiny ocean creatures. The remaining oxygen is produced by plants on land.

Humans are physically made of what they consume. A 200-pound person, on average, is only 60 pounds of solids and 140 pounds water, about 70 percent. The base of our diet is plants on land or phytoplankton in seafood. All animals are made from reorganized atoms taken from consumed plants and algae.

Most people think trees grow using the materials in soil, but that's not true. A seed can grow in a bag with no dirt and a small amount of water. The material in plants and trees is 98 percent from elements in Earth's atmosphere and only 2 percent from soil.

Plants pull atoms from the air while humans eat to replace nearly all cell material. The longest to regenerate is the spinal cord taking around three years. Some cells never grow back, like many neurons in our brain, but the physical structure of the cell is replaced with fresh nutrients.

Three years from now, the only physical part of yourself to remain will be the tiny amount of heavy metal in your brain since birth, and possibly ink from a tattoo or surgical implants. If you are lucky enough to still be alive in a few years, the materials that will make up your body are now in the atmosphere all around the world, in seawater, in sunlight yet to be released from the sun, and in the water in clouds, rivers, lakes, and oceans of the planet Earth.

Plants will self-assemble out of thin air and dirt, be consumed by animals and eventually reorganize according to DNA, leading to you.

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Not just taking a tally, series looks at solving murder culture

It is an astounding fact that the last decade has seen more than 1,100 unsolved murders in the city of Philadelphia.

Violent death is a regular and lamentable feature of life in our city. What is striking is how many murders remain unsolved. It would be easy to reduce coverage to mere numbers — they are stark enough after all. Instead, we've spoken to real people behind the statistics. This week, we share our findings and each day starting with Ericka Brair, who was killed in 2007, we're focusing on particular murders from each year as well as delving into the issues of Philadelphia's unsolved murder epidemic.

This is not an exercise in criticizing our city. We've spoken to the people who are working tirelessly for solutions, too. People like homicide Capt. James Clark and Commissioner Charles Ramsey, peace advocates Bilal Quyyam and Monique Irving. They're the people fighting back, working to turn Philadelphia from a city of neighborhoods pockmarked with memorials into a place where violence is an afterthought.

See more coverage online at Metro.us and join a discussion there about what we found and what else citizens are doing to stop the bloodshed. METRO

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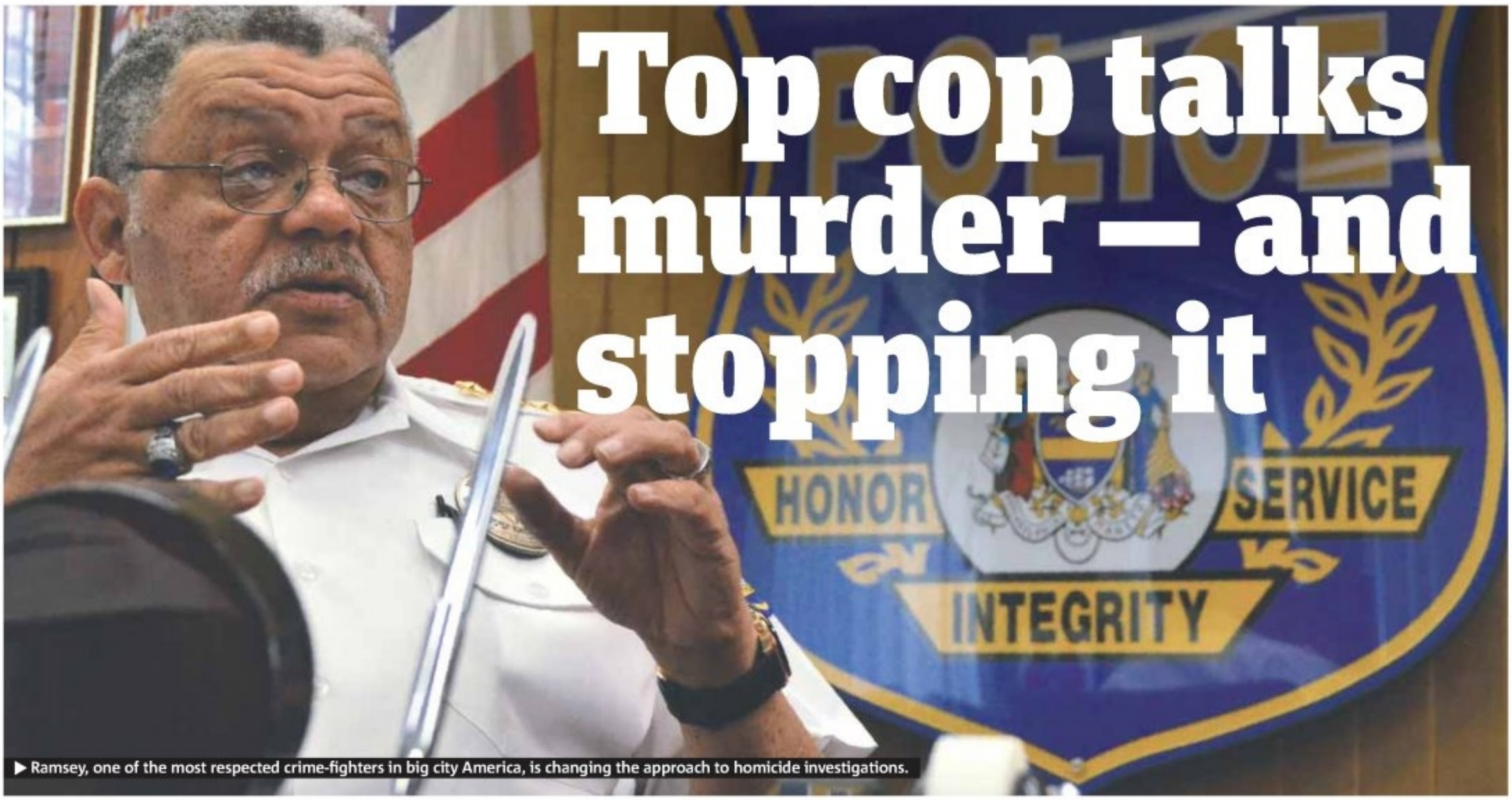

Top cop talks murder — and stopping it

▶ Ramsey, one of the most respected crime-fighters in big city America, is changing the approach to homicide investigations.

Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey knows the city's homicide rate is on a pace to top last year's total of 324 murders. He knows crimes like burglaries are also on the rise. He knows there are pockets of the city where residents live in fear.

But he doesn't get frustrated, he said. Instead, he takes action.

"I deal with the problem," Ramsey said. "You just have to figure out what you can do."

Ramsey talked about the city's homicide rate, the gun culture and his department's biggest challenges during an exclusive interview with Metro. On the day of the interview, the city had tallied 129 murders. (As of yesterday, that total had reached 324.)

71 Percent of murders committed in 2012 that city homicide detectives have closed, higher than any of the last five years, Metro found

"That should be a year-end total, not a May 18 figure," Ramsey said. "And even then, that would be too high if your family member was one of the 129."

Ramsey was appointed by Mayor Nutter in 2008. The year before, the city saw a five-year-high of 391 homicides. Reducing violent crime has been Ramsey's top priority.

"We've been keeping it to down to the low 300s, but that's way too many people in our city dying," Ramsey said. "This is a city of 1.5 million people. No way we should have that many murders."

Indeed, among the nation's large cities, Philadelphia has the highest rate of murder per capita. (Smaller cities like New Orleans, which has a higher murder rate, are not included in that tally.)

If 129 homicides had been a year-end total, Ramsey knows some would see cause for celebration. He says he still wouldn't be happy.

"I would argue that you would still have many neighborhoods in this city where people do not feel safe," he said."

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Sound bites

On the biggest challenges facing his department: He's concerned because his officers are confiscating more assault weapons like AK-47s. A gun's average time from purchase to crime — or when it's connected to a crime — is 13 years, he said. "That means that gun's been out there for a while. It gives you an indication that there is a glut in the market," he said. Twice in one week in May, he said, police had engaged in shootouts with suspects.

On "broken windows" theory of policing, which says a city should address petty crimes like vandalism because they lead to bigger crimes: "I think it's very valuable and serves as the foundation for what we now call community policing," he said. "I think that the decay in a lot of neighborhoods does help support drug crime, there's no doubt in my mind." To that end, the department and the city is working with PhillyRising to improve neighborhoods (see accompanying story).

On his department's homicide clearance rate: It currently tops 70 percent. In 2007, it was 58.6 percent, slightly below the national average. "We have some good detectives that work very hard to clear these cases," Ramsey said. He said his detectives generally carry five to six cases, whereas "best practices" for police departments puts the number of cases per detective between seven and nine. He also noted that the department has recently partnered with the FBI cold case squad.

On how to get guns off the street: Punish the people who are illegally carrying more severely. "If I ruled the world, I'd give you 10 years just for having [an illegal gun] — then we'll talk about whether you did the robbery," he said. "Every time you rob somebody, point a gun, that's a potential homicide."

Unsolved murder profile: 2007

▶ Ericka Brair's body was found with more than 40 stab wounds.

Five years later, scars of 2007 murder still remain

When Janice Collins found her daughter's bed empty on the morning of March 16, 2007, she immediately sensed something was wrong. She spent the morning making phone calls to her daughter's friends and banging on the doors their houses, asking if anyone had seen or heard from her daughter. No one had. Collins called the police to report her daughter Ericka Brair missing and was told she's "probably just a runaway."

It wasn't until April 16 when an officer called to inquire about a tattoo that Janice had described in her missing person's report that she had any legitimate word on her daughter's whereabouts.

"The next day there were homicide detectives in my house, telling me they found a body," said Collins.

Still offered

A reward for information leading to Ericka's murderer has just been raised to $30,000, donated by the Citizens Crime Commission and the City of Philadelphia.

Brair's body was found in an industrial park near Woodhaven Road and Roosevelt Boulevard. She had been stabbed more than 40 times and had defensive wounds on her arms and hands. Her body was deteriorated, and police couldn't say how long she'd been dead or where she was killed.

Brair lived near Oxford Circle. As a kid, she attended scouts and dance classes with local girls. In high school, she sang in the choir and found a core group of friends. But by her senior year at Frankford High School, her social life began to revolve around a new clique. In the weeks and months leading up to her death, she began falling out of touch with her closest friends.

On the night Brair went missing, there were repeated calls to her cell phone. Her friends and family believe the calls are directly related to her disappearance — and this new group of friends.

At the time of her murder, the father of one of the suspected individuals lived within 1,000 yards of the wooded area where Brair's body was found. A search of the home did not lead to an arrest. But Brair's family and friends believe missing knives that belonged to a set found in the home matched those used in Ericka's murder.

It's been five years since Brair went missing, but her family and friends still speak of her in the present tense. And for everyone involved, the case is far from cold.

"There's no way I'll give up," said Collins. "It'll be my last dying breath."

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MARILYN S. D'ANGELO

Outreach program is slowly breaking down barriers

When PhillyRising first ventured into the Hartranft neighborhood in early 2010, residents were "unbelievably suspicious," recalled John Farrell, the city's deputy managing director. About five people came out to an initial meeting and, although they were friendly, they were wary.

"The area seemed to have fallen between the cracks," said Farrell, who is also director of PhillyRising, earlier this year. "They weren't upset, but they said, 'It's just that everyone ends up overlooking us.'"

PhillyRising targets neighborhood plagued by crime and partners with residents to make changes. It is a support mechanism of the Philadelphia Police Department. Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey talks about the crime triangle, and one of the sides of that triangle is environment.

"When we looked at the data, we saw that places that have a lot of quality of life issues always have a lot of crime issues and vice versa," Farrell said. "If the quality of life improves, the crime is reduced."

▶ Farrell

Hartranft, an area bordered by Lehigh Ave. to York Road and Sixth to 10th streets, lies just northeast of Temple University. It has a high density of Part 1 — or more serious — crimes. All nine of the neighborhoods where PhillyRising works share that trait.

PhillyRising, which has no budget for programs, has still managed to wrangle substantial changes to Hartranft. It has brought a Police Athletic League to the neighborhood, arranged to have a city pool opened and gathered donated computers so residents could have a local computer lab and G.E.D. training site.

"There's not a lot of money, but there's a lot of things happening," Farrell said.

Hartranft residents have begun to trust the PhillyRising team, opening up about more changes they'd like to see.

"After we got a few victories, it was a textbook example of a small building of trust," Farrell said. "It's started to paint this more detailed, incredibly complex, picture."

PhillyRising is in Market East, Strawberry Mansion, Kensington, Frankford, Swampoodle, Point Breeze, Elmwood and Haddington.

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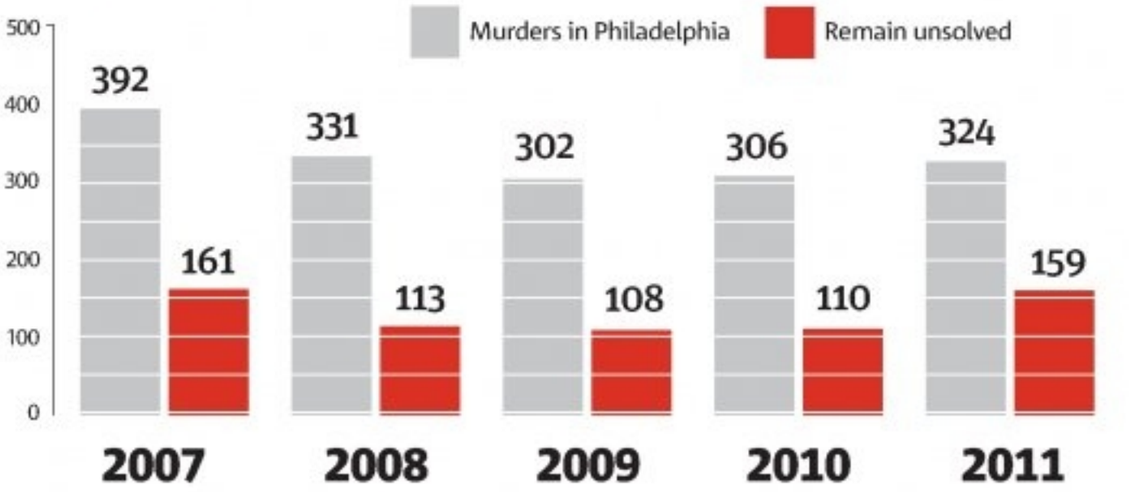
Murders, by clearance

The numbers of murders committed in Philadelphia the last five years and the number of murders cleared by homicide detectives appear proportional to each other.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
City's clearance rate	59%	66%	64%	64%	51%
National clearance rate	61%	64%	67%	65%	N/A

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▶ The line separating petty arguments and murder is tragically thin in Philadelphia, according to experts.

Quoted: The culture of crime

"It's not about money, not about the drug trade, not about protecting the corner or their pocketbook. It's different kinds of 'street code' stuff: respect and disrespect and girls and vendettas."

DAVID KENNEDY, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL AT NEW YORK'S JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Crime also breeds upon itself. After serving their time, many of the individuals who are released from our prisons cannot find work and do not have the training or literacy skills to keep a job."

MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER, AT THE NINTH ANNUAL MAYOR'S SUMMIT ON RACE, CULTURE AND HUMAN RELATIONS, IN APRIL

Behind most murders is the petty argument

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Philly's murder epidemic involves tragically large numbers of victims ◗ Causes for violence can center on drugs and robberies ◗ But most begin because of disputes ◗ Many don't have tools to solve their problems peacefully ◗ Community leaders started 'Live and Let Live' campaign

It was an argument over dog feces.

Franklin Santana was reportedly tired of neighbor Tyrirk Harris' dogs defecating on his lawn. On Feb. 14 this year, he confronted Harris about it. Now, Harris is charged with fatally shooting Santana.

Another minor confrontation had turned deadly.

Arguments account for about 80 percent of the city's homicides, according to Everett Gillison, the city's deputy mayor for public safety.

Philadelphia Police Homicide Capt. James Clark said some of those disagreements are "about drugs, robbery or a deal on drugs."

"It's a small population of the community that have guns and no regard for human life," Clark said.

But more likely, said criminologist David Kennedy, the arguments are personal beefs.

"It's not about money, not about the drug trade, not about protecting the corner or their pocketbook. It's different kinds of 'street code' stuff: respect and disrespect and girls and vendettas," said Kennedy, director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "It's my group against your group. These things can simmer, literally, for decades."

80%
Number of murders annually in Philadelphia that originate in an argument

Maria Volpe, director of John Jay College's Dispute Resolution Program, said arguments end with violence because many people aren't taught other ways to resolve their problems. Her program, with a motto of "make talk work," aims to teach peaceful means of conflict resolution.

"There's an old saying that if the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail," she said. "If the only tool you have is a weapon, that's what you end up using."

More policing can't prevent arguments that spring up in homes and on the streets, said Jerry Ratcliffe, a Temple University criminologist.

"Homicide is in some regards the easiest measure for people to compare cities and also the worst," he said. "So many of the factors that drive the homicide rate are outside the range of the police having an effect on them. Yet these figures are used to measure policing, and they're quite unrealistic."

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Groups give life to 'Live and Let Live' campaign

Can a simple string of words change attitudes and curb violence in the city?

A group of Philadelphia nonprofit organizations are hoping they can, and they're promoting their peaceful words — "Live and Let Live" — with a yearlong campaign featuring billboards in some of the city's roughest neighborhoods, as well as lawn signs and window posters.

"We're sending out a message," said Bilal Qayyum, whose Father's Day Rally Committee is part of the new anti-violence coalition. "We hope it's a ripple effect to get folks to think about how important life is."

This isn't the first time such messaging has been tried, Qayyum said. Years ago, he said, a campaign against guns urged people to "Put 'em down." More recently, the iPledge campaign asked Philadelphians to do their parts to end violence in the city.

Go online

For more information on the "Live and Let Live" campaign, visit www.liveandletlivephilly.org.

"We wanted something fresh and different," Qayyum said. "We're changing the attitude among young people, who are saying, 'I'm not going to live past 24 years old.'"

Will Little, founder of coalition member Poetree N Motion, stressed that the campaign was more than just signage.

"It comes with the dialogue in the community as well. It's communication," said Little, whose organization matches youth with poets as mentors. "It's about allowing someone to live their dream. A lot of time in the 'hood, you hear, 'You can't be this or that.' … A lot of these young men never had a conversation like this before."

While some criminologists question the effectiveness of such campaigns, others, like Maria Volpe of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, say the right message can make a difference. As director of the college's Dispute Resolution Program, she promotes "Make Talk Work" via bookmarks and other giveaways.

"We are committed to the art of making talk work," she said. "Individuals have to be able to exchange their views and think through their options." NATALIE POMPILIO

Unsolved murder profile: 2008

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Pop art marks the intersection in South Philadelphia where Zabel was gunned down by a robber, police believe.

'08 victim Zabel's dad scarred by earphones

▶ Zabel became an Eagle Scout in his Minnesota hometown.

It was May 2008 when Beau Zabel moved to Philadelphia. His mother had driven him the 1,100 miles from his hometown of Austin, in south-central Minnesota, just north of Iowa. Zabel, 23, relocated after being accepted into the Philadelphia Teaching Fellows, a program that allows up-and-coming teachers to simultaneously teach in the area's classrooms while receiving their certifications.

"He was coming to Philadelphia to help inner-city youth," said Zabel's father, Douglas Kammeier. "I was pushing for Chicago. It's closer to me and his mom."

He was aware of the struggles in Philadelphia and wanted to be part of doing something better.

Within weeks, Zabel had nailed down a job at a local Starbucks. He was headed home during the early hours of June 15, following a late shift closing up the South Street coffee shop.

At around 1:30 a.m., near the intersection of Eighth and Ellsworth streets, Zabel was found dead from a single gunshot wound to the neck. Though his backpack and wallet were not taken, the pocket in which he frequently carried an iPod, which was missing, was turned inside out, leading police to believe that the shooting was a robbery gone wrong.

1,100

Number of miles between Zabel's hometown of Austin, Minn., and South Philadelphia, where he settled after joining the Philadelphia Teaching Fellows program

"Every time I see a kid wearing headsets I give them a fair warning, because they can't hear who's coming behind them," said Kammeier.

Since his death nearly four years ago, Zabel's story has been featured on "America's Most Wanted" and even inspired a playwright with Philly ties to craft a performance that has been used in anti-violence campaigns in Iowa called Killadelphia.

MARILYN S. D'ANGELO

Check back tomorrow

Day Two of our "Unsolved Murders" series looks at the most likely demographic of a victim (young, black men) and new approaches police are taking to hunt suspects.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Gomez and Bieber: Tween love has died

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Although it comes as no surprise that two people under the age of 20 have broken up, it is my due diligence as your gossip columnist to tell you about the demise of the two-year relationship between **Selena Gomez**, 20, and **Justin Bieber**, 18. Here's what we know:

▶ **To hear sources tell it, it was Gomez who did the dumping, according to Us Weekly.** "Selena broke up with Justin about a week ago," a source says. "Selena definitely had some major trust issues with Justin."

▶ **Those trust issues might have something to do with Bieber recently spending a lot of time with 19-year-old Victoria's Secret model Barbara Palvin (pictured here looking like a candy cane hooker).** According to reports, Bieber took two women, one of whom was Palvin, to see "The Lion King" on Broadway after the Victoria's Secret fashion show last Wednesday. The twist of the knife came courtesy of a picture featuring Palvin posing with Bieber and rapper **Lil' Twist** that began circulating online. Gomez retweeted the photo to her own Twitter feed — her only comment on the pic being a set of ellipses — which caused a prepubescent online firestorm and prompted Palvin to tweet, "hey everyone. please calm down. he is all yours!! :) please :)"

▶ **Don't count the long-term (by teen/celebrity standards) lovebirds out just yet.** "They are [young]," the source says. "Right now it is a break — and tomorrow it could be back on, knowing them."

And that's the update from the love lives of people born in the '90s. Let me take a second here to remind everyone that we're all adults. Reminder taken? Good. For the rest of you, go clean your room.

Twitter erupts over Bieber news

News of the demise of Justin Bieber's relationship with Selena Gomez hit the Twitter community hard. The Canadian pop star's fans rallied around their hero, of course, pushing the hashtag #StayStrongJustin to the top of the trending topics worldwide. Here, some of the strongest reactions from true Beliebers:

@DinosaurPeeJb
All Selena does is break hearts. Seriously, I want her to die, for how much pain she is putting Justin in. Smh

@BeliebCyrusSway
A F---ING hate Selena.... She's need to go f---ing die

@abbygreen9
Selena will die

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Selena and Justin. B-tch, just die already.

@V4L3R33_
SELENA GOMEZ NEEDS TO DIE OMFG

@emmmz124
I'd actually die if Selena started dating any of 1D

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If Selena goes out with one of the boys too keep her fame status I will kill her

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@justinbieber
focused on the positive. #30MillionBeliebers with me. Im never leaving u because u r always there 4 me. love u.

@ParisHilton
Skydiving was incredible! Such an amazing feeling! I loving being adventurous!

@Joan_Rivers
And here come the Beliebers! Not sure what is more fun...making a joke about Justin Bieber OR reading the hate tweets from the Beliebers.

Hot. Shot

▶ If you don't Instagram meeting a Kardashian, did it ever really happen?

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'Krowds' gather for Kardashians

The British teens that weren't mourning the breakup of Gomez and Bieber were at the Westfield mall in London to witness the launch the Kardashian Kollection for Dorothy Perkins on Saturday. The Daily Mail reports that many fans were almost crushed (krushed?) to death in the rush to get into the building to join in on a Kardashian meet and greet.

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▶ Booth (David Boreanaz) pays his respects at the funeral of a man who died as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on "Bones."

'Bones'

DRAMA. What begins as a Brennan-mandated contest among the "squinterns" to identify remains becomes a reflection on 9/11 as a victim of the 2001 terrorist attack is finally identified. **8 p.m., Fox**

'Oliver Stone's Untold History of the United States'

DOCUMENTARY. In this 10-part docuseries, politically minded director Oliver Stone explores the stories history books have ignored that have nonetheless affected major events of the 20th century. **Miniseries premiere, 8 p.m., Showtime**

'Teen Mom 2'

REALITY. The girls' personal stories (and Us Magazine cover stories: sigh) continue as Season 3 picks up. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., MTV**

AMBER RAY

'Love is

- K'naan looks inward for his new album — 'Country, God, or the Girl'
- Singer finds that global conflicts actually can be easier to sing about than interpersonal relationships

K'naan arrived on the scene singing about struggle; his hit "Wavin' Flag" was a timely freedom anthem during the 2010 World Cup. But his new record, "Country, God, or the Girl," looks inward.

"I went to 22 countries in Africa, back-to-back on tour," the Somalia-born artist says. "Seeing Africa to that degree freed me from having a narrow message in my music."

He says when a friend told him about working in refugee camps during the Rwandan genocide, it changed his perspective on global thinking.

"When people settled into the evening," he says, "nobody talked about the horrific tragedies that were happening. They were talking about their lost loves. And that hit me so deeply — how human beings are having the same conversations everywhere, even in times of war and famine. Their favorite songs are always love songs. And I wasn't speaking to them in the place that was most important to them."

The singer says he has come

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"To progress musically, I had to open myself up."

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harder than war'

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▶ K'naan's "Country, God, or the Girl" is out now.

to a conclusion about approaching certain subject matter.

"Love is harder than war," he says.

The sound of "Country, God, or the Girl" is a blend of pop and African melodies, and tracks mostly focus on internal conflict, relationships and personal growth.

"To progress musically, I had to open myself up," he says.

K'naan is also joined by a wishlist of high profile special guests, including Bono, Keith Richards, Will.i.am,, Nas and Nelly Furtado. But no matter who is joining him, he says it all comes down to one person: "I've had the chance to write about my experiences in a difficult and violent life. ... But when the suffering and the pain is something that comes from within me, it's harder to react and to write about that."

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Staying still for writing

K'naan says he doesn't write while he's on the road.

"I know that some artists that I'm friends with do that, but I just prefer there be distance between my being celebrated as an artist and my having something to share. Because ... being idolized on stage and then writing a song could be a little dangerous, I think. But when you are living, and nobody cares that you're walking around in the street, your girlfriend is giving you a hard time and [so is] your family, all of that, that's the context in which an artist writes. That's when I like to write."

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The life of a Bond Girl

Berenice Marlohe is the latest temptress of the world's most famous MI6 agent She compares her experience on the set of 'Skyfall' to what previous Bond girls have said about their roles

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Severine (Berenice Marlohe) leads Bond to her evil master.

Berenice who? You're forgiven if you don't recognize the name of the latest Bond Girl — the French actress, 33, is known, if at all, for a few TV roles in France. She didn't break out until moving to Los Angeles, where she was cast as the latest baddie in "Skyfall." We got her on the phone for a little girl talk.

When you got the part, did you think, "Wow, I'm a Bond Girl, I must be superhot."

Not at all. I find that kind of reaction really stupid. I'm amazed at how people think they can judge me as an actress based on the pictures they have seen of me. It's very disturbing when people assume becoming a Bond Girl is a beauty contest. It really isn't. I'm an actress. I auditioned for the part. The Bond girl is a concept. So when people ask me how it feels to be one, I have trouble taking it all in. Maybe the fact I got to interpret such a mythical role will hit me in a few years time.

Let's look at what former Bond Girls have had to say. Eva Green — of "Casino Royale" — told one newspaper that she fought to keep her clothes on in the shower scene, saying, "They wanted me to strip down to my panties. We had a good fight about that." You, on the other hand, seem to have no problem getting naked.

Well you can't see very much!

So you didn't say: "I don't want to be naked in the shower."

I'm not very comfortable with nudity, so initially I wasn't exactly thrilled. ... I asked my agent — "What do we do with this? How naked do I need to be?" A Bond Girl is a combination of power — of masculinity, femininity and animality. I probably could have been like, "Do I really need to get naked?" but I don't think anyone cared. It was more about the substance of the performance."

Did Daniel Craig get naked?

No, he had special privileges you see. He got to wear a little swimsuit — not the blue one from "Casino Royale." Neither of us were completely naked.

Is James Bond a good kisser?

Yes! Not only is he a good kisser, he's also handsome and strong.

Former Bond girl Jill St. John ("Diamonds Are Forever") said: "It's not easy being a Bond woman. You have to stay in shape when you're in a bikini all those months." Can you relate to that?

Nobody pressured me to be a certain weight. But the thing is, I have a huge appetite. I'm not one of those women who are like, "I eat loads!" when in fact they eat nothing but salad. Eating is one of my greatest passions in life. So yes, I had to force myself to go out for a run every once in a while, because if I'd listened to myself I'd have been perfectly happy staying in watching movies and eating.

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Girl power

Bond Girl Barbara Bach ("The Spy Who Loved Me") called Bond "a chauvinist pig who uses girls to shield him against bullets." Is that true?

I'm the one who had to protect our darling Bond in "Skyfall." He used to be a bit of a player but he's become more subtle when seducing women. His character would be a little bit grotesque had he never evolved.

Q&A

Could you fall for a man like Bond?

Definitely. The James Bond played by Daniel Craig is extremely complex. He's funny, sensitive, strong and courageous. ... The combination of his virility, vulnerability and sense of humor are all magic ingredients. I could fall in love with a Bond like that. He's also got a really pretty little swimsuit.

Box office

Bond bounds back to top of box office in 'Skyfall'

The new James Bond movie "Skyfall" dominated movie box offices, with $87.8 million in ticket sales in its U.S. and Canadian debut over the weekend, for the biggest Bond opening ever, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

"Skyfall," starring Daniel Craig as the famous superspy, finished ahead of last weekend's winner, family film "Wreck-It Ralph." The animated Walt Disney Co. movie about a video-game character grabbed $33.1 million from Friday through Sunday.

In third place, the Denzel Washington drama "Flight" earned $15.1 million. The film tells the story of an airline captain who saves his plane from crashing but is accused of drinking before the flight.

Sony Corp.'s movie studio released "Skyfall." "Flight" was distributed by Paramount Pictures, a unit of Viacom Inc.

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Top 5 films

1. **"Skyfall":** $87.8 million
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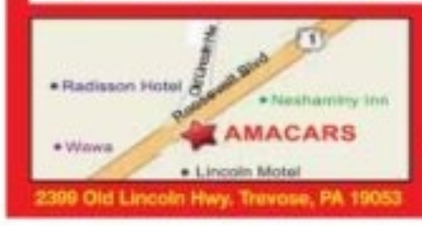

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I recently had the pleasure of being interviewed by Oprah for the new season of "Super Soul Sunday," her Emmy-winning show that guides viewers through heightening their happiness while they're still in their Sunday PJs. The Daily Love's Mastin Kipp and Marie Forleo, the founder of the Rich, Happy & Hot B-School, accompanied me for a segment on next-generation thought-leaders, airing this coming Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sitting next to Oprah for this hour-long interview, I was able to understand the magnitude of her mission. I experienced firsthand how lit up she becomes when she's talking about spirituality and God. Oprah is on a mission to wake up the masses to their inner strength and power.

Throughout the segment, we talked about our own personal faith and the shifts in the world. These days there's no lack of chaos. We agreed that what the world needs now more than ever is time for sacred connections and heightened conversation. Oprah has created the space for these connections with "Super Soul Sunday." Each Sunday, people across the country gather to watch the show and engage in a social media frenzy of love.

You can create your own Super Soul Sunday by spending time in stillness. Taking time for stillness allows you to tap into your soul. Turn off your phone and linger just a little bit longer in your bed. Drink your morning tea and tune into yourself rather than jumping to the next task. Later, have some friends over to watch the episode and discuss it.

Gabby's tips

Why it's important to take your own Super Soul time on Sundays:

1. **You spend time with like-minded friends.** Oprah has been encouraging people to host "Super Soul Sunday" parties, and I love this concept. Rather than chow down a caloric brunch and gossip with your friends, you now have an opportunity to gather around an uplifting conversation. Get together with the folks who want to raise their thoughts and energy.

2. **You engage in a positive conversation.** When we engage with enlightening content, we're always uplifted. These days there's so much negative messaging that it's important to balance the negativity with authentically positive information.

3. **You have something positive to share at the water cooler on Monday.** Let's face it: We all need more positive stuff to talk about at work. Thanks to your weekend soul time, you'll become the guru of the office by sharing what you've learned each Sunday morning — lessons and ideas that people of all faiths and backgrounds can appreciate and relate to.

▶ "I wanted to use television to drop little pieces of light into our consciousness," says Winfrey, pictured here with Bernstein. "'Super Soul Sunday' is the beginning of the fulfillment of that dream." Check out Gabby on this Sunday's episode of "Super Soul Sunday," at 11 a.m. on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.

It's time to commit to a new conversation. Gather your friends, pick out your best pajamas and throw a party this Sunday. Wake up with a positive attitude and let your inner guide lead the way.

*— **Gabrielle Bernstein** is the author of "Spirit Junkie."*

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If you have a great idea, you need to present it in a great way ◗ Tips for communicating with management

The light bulb is on. You have a bright idea to improve things in your workplace. But how do you get your brilliant concept from thought-bubble to reality? It can be tempting to keep your head down and stick within your daily to-do list, but if you have a good idea, it could benefit the company and your job standing. Being able to effectively communicate your ideas to your boss is crucial to improving your worth to a company.

Here are five tips to ensure that you don't strike out when pitching your ideas to upper management:

Be confident: Before you convince other people that your idea is great, you first have to convince yourself. Be confident in your idea and its effectiveness. Doubts are contagious; if you have them, then chances are that your boss will have them, too.

Do your research: Outside of wet jeans, there is nothing worse than proposing an idea and having someone tell you that it's already been done. Getting the idea is just the first step. From there, you need to research to figure out if and how it can become a reality. Make yourself the expert on this concept so that when your boss asks questions, you have answers at the ready.

Additionally, while you may think you have a fabulous idea, it's always helpful to get a second opinion. Ask a few colleagues for feedback and advice, but make sure it's people whose opinions you trust and who won't commandeer your idea.

Put it in writing: Writing it out will allow you to put careful thought into how your idea is presented. Use confident language and keep your pitch brief but thorough.

Managers have busy inboxes, so they likely won't have time to read a superlong e-mail. Grab their attention in a few lines by demonstrating why this is a worthwhile concept. Make them want to learn more.

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Talentegg.com is a job board and online career resource for college students and recent graduates.

Time it right

Right before a big deadline or client meeting is probably not the best time to shoot your boss an e-mail about new and exciting things. Try to time your pitch for when you know your boss will have the time and focus to read it through. If you're unsure of your boss's work habits, later in the week is usually a good default option because their workload will likely be winding down for the weekend.

Figure out who to pitch

If you have an idea for the website, there is no point in taking it to the sales department. Look in the company directory and tailor your pitch for the specific person you're speaking with. Ask around the office and figure out who will be the most receptive to your concept and if they have any pitch preferences (e.g., if they prefer quick e-mails or if they like detailed proposals).

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How to bounce back from a surprise layoff

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▶ This hurts — but if you didn't actually love the job, now is a good time to do some thinking.

No matter how many stories you hear about downsizing and layoffs, you're never quite prepared when you're the one losing a job. There's nothing wrong with being shaken and shocked by the initial blow — it's all about how you get back on your feet that will make the difference in your career's trajectory.

Before you start feverishly editing your résumé and obsessing over job sites, take some time to process what happened. Ricky Cohen, author of "Risk to Succeed," suggests taking three weeks before making any big moves. "During the first week a person should mourn his or her loss," explains Cohen. "The second week should be dedicated to an objective evaluation of where he stands, the lessons learned and the future opportunities. The third week should be one where a plan is developed with the components to ensure the greatest possibility of success."

During this time of reflection, it's a good idea to think about what excites you. If you're going to redirect the path of your career, now is a great time to do so. "Ask yourself what you really want to do," says Josh Tolan, CEO of Spark Hire. "Have you just stayed at your job because it was a steady paycheck or because you really loved what you were doing day in and day out? If you were unhappy even before the pink slip, use this as an opportunity to refocus your energies."

Quoted

"Ask yourself what you really want to do. If you were unhappy even before the pink slip, use this as an opportunity to refocus your energies."
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When the time comes for you to start applying for a new position, try to remain positive. "Attitude is everything during the job search," says Amit De, CEO and co-founder of Careerleaf. "An unexpected layoff is certain to start a job search off in a less-than-positive direction. As a job seeker, it's important to remain positive, confident and prepared."

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Metro readers are more than **TWICE** as likely than the average Philadelphia resident to plan to go back to school.
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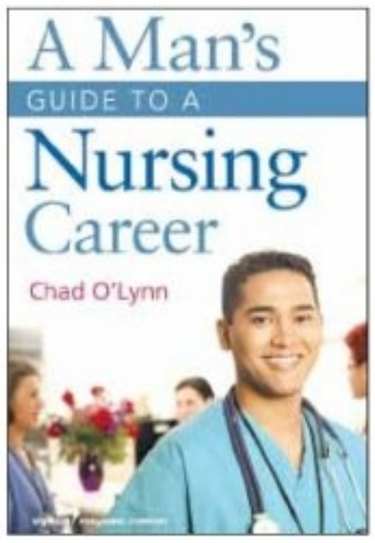

Breaking gender stereotypes in the nursing field

In 2012, less than 8 percent of nurses are men It's an in-demand profession with second-career potential

Despite job opportunities, men remain rare in nursing.

Chad O'Lynn has taught nursing at Montana State University and the University of Portland. In 2006 he co-authored the first comprehensive academic book on men in nursing. But his latest, "A Man's Guide to a Nursing Career," is intended as a pragmatic introduction for men in the field or those considering it.

Is there still a big demand for nurses?
Yes. Even in a tight job market, we're facing a looming nursing shortage.

Has there been a push by any major institutions to get more men in nursing?
The short answer is no. Men are not a minority group, so they can't be given preferential treatment in recruitment programs.

Can nursing be a good second career?
Definitely. In fact, there's research that suggests that men are more likely to come to nursing as a second career.

In the U.S., what percentage of nurses are men?
Depending on the source, it ranges from about 6.9 to 7.2 percent. It's one of the most gender-imbalanced fields in the health profession.

Has that number changed over the years?
In 1960 it was 1 percent. In the '90s it was around 5 percent. So, not much, comparatively.

Is there a perception that most men in nursing are gay?
That's an unfortunate, damaging stereotype. There's no evidence to suggest that. Sadly, being gay carries a stigma in our society, so men may reject the idea of a nursing career because of it. My sense is that that perception is less of a problem today than it used to be. In years gone by it was a huge problem, and it was well documented in the literature.

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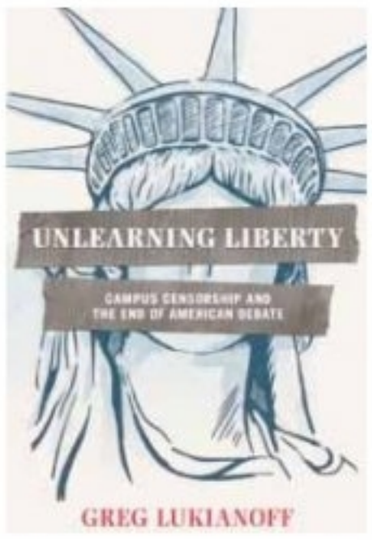
Working together to liberate the quad

Author and lawyer Greg Lukianoff is a self-described atheist liberal. But during the past 20 years, he's continually promoted the interests of evangelical Christians on college campuses. And, in 2001, he became the legal director of Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a nonprofit cofounded by Alan Charles Kors, one of the leading conservative intellectuals in the U.S.

His first book, "Unlearning Liberty: Campus Censorship and the End of American Debate," is an impassioned plea for robust, unrestrained speech in higher education.



GREG LUKIANOFF

"I find something very sad about the fact that I'm constantly asked, 'How can you defend them if you're not one of them?' I think we've regressed to a very unprincipled, polarized level of discourse if it puzzles people that a person who is not a believer would defend the rights of evangelical Christians," says Lukianoff.

Lukianoff has since taken over as president of FIRE, leading the group to advocate for Muslims, libertarians, environmentalists, fraternity brothers and a host of other student groups while publicly shaming the colleges that seek to silence them. "Unlearning Liberty" chronicles a list of cases FIRE has been most interested in during the past decade.

"There's an increased concern over liability: They're scared of being sued for everything from harassment to discrimination, and they're convinced that speech codes will inoculate them from litigation," says Lukianoff of colleges. "And, of course, there's a certain amount of political correctness that appears on campuses — this idea that being offended is a bad thing. But, from our perspective, anybody that goes through four years of college without having their beliefs challenged should ask for their money back."

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"Anybody that goes through four years of college without having their beliefs challenged should ask for their money back." GREG LUKIANOFF

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Dems selective over which rich people they hate

Just curious why Democrats vilify rich people?? Unless of course it is Mayor Bloomberg (billionaire), Bruce Springsteen, David Letterman, Bill Maher and even the Obamas. The media and the Democrats portrayed Mitt Romney as an evil millionaire even though he worked to get it. Yes — he worked using his brains and within the bounds of the tax code, etc.

JOHN ARSLAIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Trump could be a force for good

RE: "S— MY REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER SAYS" (METRO, NOV. 8) Who cares about Donald Trump? I do, many people do. Don't silence him, we want more. Not only is it very interesting and entertaining, some of it I agree with. Heck, maybe he should run for president. Why not?

TREVOR KELSCH, VIA E-MAIL

When Donald Trump believed that Mitt Romney had won the popular vote and lost the electoral vote he called for a revolution and stated that our system is not democratic. The sincere nature of his rant would be strengthened if he showed us his call for a revolution when Al Gore actually won the popular vote and George Bush won the electoral vote and became president. I would be satisfied if he showed us how he questioned President Bush's election. If he wants to eliminate the electoral college Trump should use his access to the media and his wealth during the next four years to that end and stop calling for the president's birth certificate and college transcripts.

MARK OROMANER, VIA E-MAIL

GOP's only got half its platform right

The main problem I have with the Republican party is that they run on a platform of smaller government, yet want to intrude more into people's lives regarding moral issues. I would probably be a Republican if this were not the case, I just can't understand the hypocrisy that they want to stay out of my wallet and at the same time dictate who I can love and what I can do with my body. Open your eyes; it's not 1952, times have changed. Darwin said: "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change." Oh wait, I forgot you don't believe in evolution.

ELIZABETH ERLANDSON, VIA E-MAIL

Equal rights for interview subjects

RE: "THE LIFE OF A BOND GIRL" (METRO, NOV. 9-11) I was thoroughly unimpressed with Metro's interview with Berenice Marlohe. The questions you asked were superficial at best. Why not ask about something besides the woman's appearance, nude scenes, weight and kissing scenes?

There's more to actresses and women than what they look like and it's about time for media outlets to step up their game and treat women as human beings, not as decoration.

YANA KACHALOVA, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Those with whom you have dealings will immediately sense that you're not apt to be making idle promises. Your mind will be focused on making good on your commitment.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your financial prospects look to be quite promising. It's possible that you might receive some extra gains through your own efforts and an arrangement set up by another.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Taking a situation at face value is not likely to be one of your weak points. In fact, you're more likely to be interested in what's behind a facade than what is in front of it.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although you're in a good achievement cycle right now, you still might not get everything you pursue on your first try. If you should fall short of your mark, simply regroup.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Should a bright idea flash through your mind regarding how you can constructively revitalize a flagging relationship, try it. Chances are it'll work.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you are so easily motivated, your possibilities for achieving your goals are better than usual. You'll know what you want, and you'll know how to get it.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your situation might dictate needing to concentrate strictly on the immediate, but it wouldn't hurt to look ahead a bit as well. Plan now for the future.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If there is something that you feel can be changed for the better, don't suffer in silence. Instead of waiting for others, make the adjustments yourself.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Difficult decisions won't be resolved by ignoring or sidestepping them. Look these problems straight in the eye and take whatever steps necessary to remedy them.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even if you get a few additional responsibilities dumped in your lap, you'll be able to handle them. In fact, getting successful results will give you a sense of pride.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your managerial skills are functioning at all levels. Associates will find you to be quite compatible and easy to get along with, yet you can be quite serious and dedicated when necessary.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Although this could be a rather hectic day, you should still be able to find the time to conclude several matters that need to be completed. They may all be interrelated, which could help.

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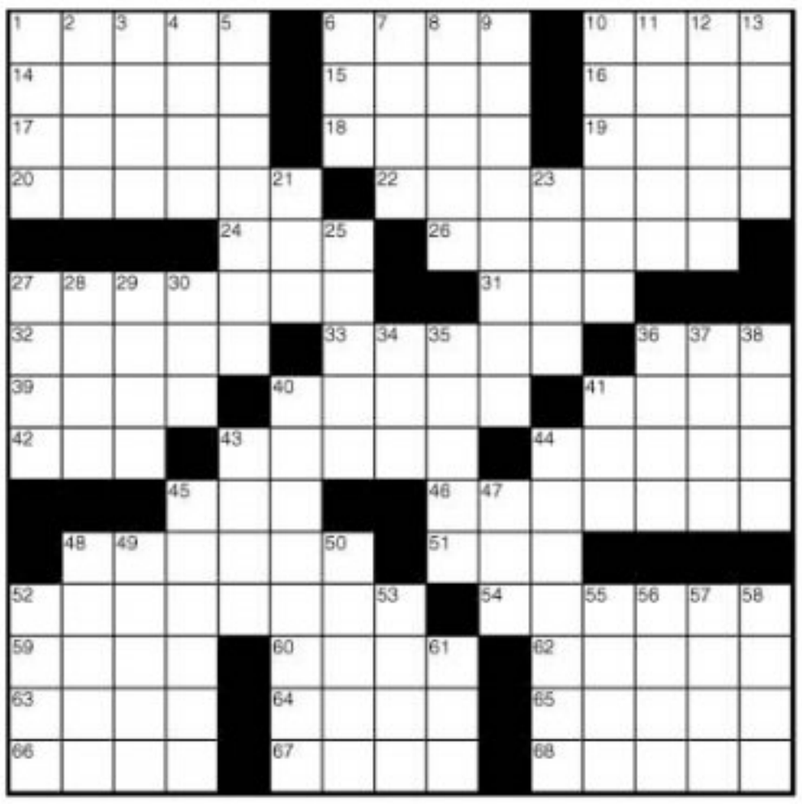

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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- Cowboys crush Eagles at the Linc
- Foles takes over for injured Vick
- Birds doomed by poor tackling, bad special teams, costly turnover

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▶ Dez Bryant and the Cowboys ripped the Eagles at the Linc yesterday.

What went wrong ...

1 **Tackling dummies.** Defensive coordinator Todd Bowles blamed poor tackling for his defense's first two (less than stellar) outings. Against the Cowboys, it was more of the same. The Eagles simply don't know how to wrap guys up and bring them down. Felix Jones made six different Eagles (Nnamdi Asomugha looked especially bad) on his 11-yard touchdown catch.

2 **King for a day.** King Dunlap was bad. The right tackle single-handedly killed a third-quarter drive after getting gobbled up on a play, then negated a 12-yard pass completion due to an illegal hands to the face penalty (Dunlap racked up two of those). To make matters worse, Dunlap failed to take the field for a field goal attempt and forced the Eagles to burn a timeout.

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Quarterback rating for Nick Foles in the loss to Dallas after Mike Vick left the game due to a concussion.

3 **Nick Foles.** Andy Reid shortened the playbook for rookie Nick Foles (21-of-31, 218 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT). However, Foles did make a disastrous mistake in the fourth quarter when he was picked off by Brandon Carr, who returned it 47 yards for a score. Foles had another interception called back due to holding on Dallas — and fumbled in his own end zone to end the game. MIKE GREGER

What went right ...

1 **Feeling faded.** Mike Vick hit Riley Cooper on a fade route for a touchdown on the Eagles' opening possession. It was a perfect pitch and catch play, the type of play we had been expecting to see in the red zone ever since the Eagles drafted the 6-foot-4 wide receiver. It also marked the first time the Eagles had scored on their opening offensive possession all season.

2 **Sack masters.** That much-maligned defensive line finally showed up in a meaningful game. Mychal Kendricks, Cullen Jenkins and Fletcher Cox all recorded sacks, with Trent Cole creating havoc. Brandon Graham also supplied a great pass-rush.

3 **Nick Foles.** Filling in for an injured Mike Vick (concussion), the backup quarterback showed he could play in the NFL. Foles was decisive, got the ball out quickly and read his check downs well. His third quarter 44-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Jeremy Maclin was thrown on a rope. METRO/MG

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In the news

Phillies GM 'checking in' on Hamilton

Are the Phillies secretly planning a big splash?

A report surfaced this past weekend saying the Phils were interested in free-agent slugger Josh Hamilton. From a need standpoint, it makes sense. The Phillies have gaping holes in the outfield. However, their payroll is pretty much maxed out with $135.6 million committed for next season.

"Hamilton would appear to be a stretch, both from a financial and baseball perspective. But two industry sources say the Phillies are quietly checking on him," said Ken Rosenthal.

The Phils are also reportedly looking at B.J. Upton and Cody Ross.

"We're keeping all our options open," Amaro told reporters. METRO

Keeping him at Bay: Phils might want to consider Mets cast-off in left field

Bay struggled in three seasons in Queens, but could thrive at Citizens Bank Park Wouldn't cost anything to sign Still has gas in the tank

The Phillies have at least four big holes to fill, including two spots in the outfield, a third baseman and a setup guy. The problem is that the Phillies can't spend a fortune to cover each of those voids.

Considering how much money is already committed for next season, the Phillies need to find a diamond in the rough to help out in 2013.

The Mets bought out Jason Bay making the most disappointing free agent acquisition in the franchise's history available. Bay hit just .234 with 26 homers with 124 RBIs in three forgettable seasons. Bay hit a pathetic .165 last season. He was that bad.

But before arriving in Queens, Bay hit 36 homers and drove in 119, with a .921 OPS for the Red Sox in 2009. Bay was an All-Star in four of his previous five seasons.

But something happened to Bay. Did he feel the pressure of signing a $65 million contract in the media capital of the world? Did Bay have trouble moving from the friendly confines of Fenway Park to cavernous Citi Field?

Maybe the Phillies should invite Bay and his once potent right-handed bat to spring training to possibly fill a void in left field?

"Why not," a NL scout said. "He won't cost you anything. It would definitely be a low-risk, high-reward situation. Who knows why he failed in New York. He got hurt but his work ethic was there. If there is still something there, it would be interesting to see what he could do in that ballpark [Citizens Bank Park]."

Bay issued a statement indicating that he has some gas in the tank.

"I still have plenty to give this game," Bay said. "I'm excited to keep playing and have no intention of just walking away."

Bay, a model citizen, could benefit from a change in scenery and the opportunity to work with hitting guru Charlie Manuel, a skipper who loves to repair broken swings.

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▶ Bay batted a dismal .234 last season, but the Phillies could have the left fielder for virtually nothing next season.

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Turner promises 'fun ride' for Sixers fans

Evan Turner isn't fazed by expectations, pressure or demands. The third-year Sixers guard is only pushed by one thing: working hard.

"You get out of something what you put into it," Turner said. "I don't worry about pressure. I don't worry about expectations. You can't please everybody all the time. You have to keep things together and just keep working as hard as you possibly can, listen to the coaches and improve with your teammates."

Turner was the No. 2 pick in the 2010 draft. Naturally, there were immediate expectations because of his draft status. At times, Turner plays at a high level. Other times, he struggles with his shot.

"You have to keep things in perspective," Turner said. "As a rookie, no one put more pressure on me than me. I wanted to do everything perfect and please everybody. I realized you can't do that. I look at the pressure now as good pressure. I have goals for myself, but my main goals are team goals. I want to win."

Turner developed quite a bit last season and averaged 5.8 rebounds per game — not bad for a guard.

Even more impressive was his performance in the playoffs. He played fearless basketball and showed he was ready to take the next step.

"Evan stepped up in the playoffs for sure," said Thaddeus Young. "He was all over the place on the court."

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▶ Turner is eager to live up to his lofty expectations this year.

Turner came back for his third season and saw so many new faces. He's excited about the roster movement and where this team can go.

"Getting a big man like [Andrew] Bynum is huge, and we did so many other good things in the offseason," Turner said. "I think once we get comfortable with each other, things will really click. It's going to be a fun ride."

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Quakers could very well be Ivy sleeper

Once upon a time, it was Dave Wohl, Jim Wolf and current Athletic Director Steve Bilsky who Penn had to replace, following a 28-1 season in 1971 when much of the year the Quakers looked like the best team in all the land. Then it was Tony Price, Bobby Willis and Timmy Smith, cornerstones of the 1979 team that fell to Magic Johnson and Michigan State in the Final Four.

Now it's happening again. Penn coach Jerome Allen — star of Quaker teams than won 48 straight Ivy League games and three titles in the mid-'90s — has to fill the void left by the departure of Zack Rosen, Tyler Bernardini and Rob Belcore. But, coming off a season in which they narrowly missed winning the Ivy title for the first time since 2007, Allen says there's no reason to feel sorry for them. That's just the natural order of things.

Besides, this year might turn out better than people think.

"I like this group," said Allen, who saw the Quakers rally from a 22-point first-half deficit past UMBC, 80-75, in their opener Friday. "There's lot of talent and we're deep.

"We're not using the fact that we don't have a senior as a cheap crutch."

Guard Miles Cartwright, Penn's leading returning scorer (10.8), who had 21 vs. UMBC, is expected to carry much of the load. He should get help from returnees Fran Daugherty, Henry Brooks and Steve Rennard. But if the UMBC game is any indication of what to expect, the Quakers could also get a lift from starting freshman guard Tony Hicks and reserve Patrick Lucas-Perry, who scored 13 and 15, respectively.

The Quakers go right back at it tonight vs. Delaware in the pre-season N.I.T, and will play 13 games before the Ivy season gets under way in January. By then Allen should have a better idea what he has and if Penn has a chance to unseat Harvard.

No matter what happens, though, coaching his alma mater and passing on the lessons taught to him from former NBA teammates Kevin Garnett, Reggie Miller and Ray Allen makes Jerome Allen cherish his job.

"I'm living a dream," said Allen.

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Projected lineup

- **F Fran Dougherty, 6-8**
  Our take: Big man who'll have an expanded role. Should provide inside punch and rebounds.
- **F Henry Brooks, 6-8**
  Our take: Smallish Quakers other inside player. Flashed skills as a freshman.
- **G Miles Cartwright, 6-3**
  Our take: Leading returning scorer figures to be more of a factor due to graduations.
- **G Steve Rennard, 6-2**
  Our take: One of three guards in the lineup, will quarterback much of the offense.
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NFL roundup

The Saints knocked the Falcons from the ranks of the unbeaten yesterday and are suddenly back in the NFL playoff picture at 4-5 on the year. A look at that huge win and the rest of yesterday's NFL action:

Baltimore Ravens 55
Oakland Raiders 20

The Ravens offense exploded for a team-record 55 points in their blowout win over the Raiders, despite only getting 35 yards rushing from Ray Rice. Joe Flacco threw for 341 yards and three touchdowns, while wide receiver Torrey Smith caught only two passes, both going for touchdowns.

November pain

A look at other scores around the league:

Buccaneers 34, Chargers 24
Tampa Bay outscored the Chargers 17-3 in the second half to get past San Diego and improve to 5-4.

Vikings 34, Lions 24
Adrian Peterson led the Vikes (6-4) with 171 yards and a touchdown. Detroit fell to 4-5 on the season.

Patriots 37, Bills 31
The Pats nearly squandered a 10-point lead but Devin McCourty's INT of Ryan Fitzpatrick with under a minute left ended the drama.

New Orleans Saints 31
Atlanta Falcons 27

There are now no more undefeated teams in the league as the Saints held off the Falcons at home for a four-point win. Drew Brees led the Saints throwing for 298 yards and three touchdowns. Despite the loss Matt Ryan was equally impressive, passing for 411 yards and three touchdowns. Atlanta is 8-1, while New Orleans is 4-5.

Cincinnati Bengals 31
New York Giants 13

In the biggest upset of the day, the Bengals rolled over the Giants at home in a game where Cincinnati led 31-6 in the third quarter. Despite throwing for only 199 yards, quarterback Andy Dalton tossed four touchdowns in leading the Bengals to the win. The Bengals improved to 4-5, while the Giants fell to 6-4.

Tennessee Titans 37
Miami Dolphins 3

Tennessee led 24-3 at halftime and never looked back in its decisive win on the road in Miami.

Denver Broncos 36
Carolina Panthers 14

Peyton Manning threw for 301 yards and a touchdown in the win while Cam Newton threw for 241 yards and two touchdowns, but also hurled two critical interceptions. Denver is now 6-3, while Carolina is 2-7.

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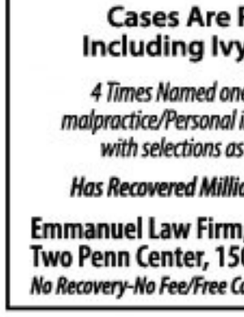
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